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Mr. Eric Johnson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region VIII
1860 Lincoln Street
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Subject: Preliminary Assessment Report Richardson Flat Tailings,
Summit County Utah

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Submitted herewith is a final preliminary assessment report for the Richardson Flat tailings.

Based upon information available at the time this assessment was made, it is recommended that this site be given a medium priority and that a site inspection be performed during the third quarter of 1984.

Richardson Flat tailings are located between Park City and Keetley Junction. The exact amount of tailings on-site is unknown. But it is estimated that there are approximately 7 million tons of tailings most likely deposited in the late 60's and early 70's.

The mill tailings at Richardson Flat came from the Ontario Keetley mine and other mines owned by United Park City mines. The tailings are next to Silver Creek and numerous small tributaries flow through the tailings. Mr. Ray Wortey is currently leasing the tailings from United Park City mines and is using the tailings as backfill for sewer lines and road base.

During the site inspection samples will be collected from surface water, groundwater (if found) and from the tailings. If you have any questions please contact Don Verbica.

Sincerely,

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Utah Solid and Hazardous Wastes
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